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PATENT
Customer Number 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0501

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Tomoyuki ASANO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2131
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Application No.: 09/807,824) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Filed: April 18, 2001) Confirmation No.: 6164
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For: DATA TRANSMITTING)
SYSTEM AND METHOD,)
DRIVE UNIT, ACCESS)
METHOD, DATA, RECORDING)
MEDIUM, RECORDING)
MEDIUM PRODUCING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD)
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on April 18, 2001. To date, no Office Action of any kind has yet been issued.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that he be advised of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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